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SUBJ: DEATH CASE: ANTHONY MACCHIA

REF: STATE 287420 AND 293162 SAME SUBJECT

1. POST RECEIVED FIRST REFTEL ON FRIDAY NOV 26, AND IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED MRS. FORMATO TO OBTAIN MORE PRECISE INFORMATION REGARDING CASE. FROM SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND NEIGHBORS OF DECEASED APPEARS THAT MRS. FORMATO HAS BEEN BADLY MISINFORMED REGARDING FACTS IN CASE.

2. MRS. BAU, WHO INFORMED MRS. FORMATO OF SUBJECT'S DEATH, AND THE DECEASED WERE LIVING TOGETHER AT TIME OF SUBJECT'S DEMISE. ACCORDING TO NEIGHBORS THEY HAD BEEN LIVING TOGETHER FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AT LEAST THOUGH SUBJECT UNTIL RECENTLY MAINTAINED A SEPARATE APARTMENT. ACCORDING TO THE CIVIL GUARDS HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE AREA, SUBJECT MOVED INTO MRS. BAU'S APARTMENT A FEW DAYS BEFORE HIS DEATH.

3. AN AUTOPSY WAS PERFORMED PRIOR TO SUBJECT'S BURIAL AND DEATH WAS OF NATURAL CAUSES. ACCORDING TO CORONER IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS HEART ATTACK BROUGHT ON BY ADVANCED ARTERIOSCLEROSIS AND CARDIAC INSUFFICIENCY. THE JUDGE ORDERED THE AUTOPSY SO AS TO BE CERTAIN AS TO THE CAUSE OF DEATH OF THE SUBJECT. THE JUDGE WILL FURNISH POST WITH COPY OF CORONERS REPORT WITHIN TWO WEEKS, BUT JUDGE IS CONVINCED, BASED ON CORONERS REPORT, THAT DEATH WAS RESULT OF NATURAL CAUSES AND HAS NO INTENTION OF INVESTIGATING MATTER FURTHER. WHILE IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT SUBJECT MAY HAVE QUARRELED WITH A U.S. CITIZEN

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PRIOR TO HIS DEMISE, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE WHATSOEVER THAT SUCH

AN ARGUMENT OR WHATEVER HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH DEATH. THE ALLEGATION BY MRS. BAU THAT THE SPANISH AUTHORITIES WERE NOT INTERESTED IN INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF FOUL PLAY BECAUSE OF THE NATIONALITY OF THE PERSONS INVOLVED IS ABSURD ON ITS FACE.

4. THE SAME JUDGE SUBSEQUENTLY ORDERED HIS BURIAL. MRS. FORMATO INFORMED POST DURING CONVERSATION REFERRED TO ABOVE THAT SHE HAD INFORMED MRS. BAU THAT SHE COULD NOT COME TO SPAIN FOR DECEASED'S FUNERAL SO UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES JUDGE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ORDER INTERMENT.

5. POST HAS RECOVERED A NUMBER OF SUBJECT'S POSSESSIONS BUT MAJORITY ARE STILL IN MRS. BAU'S APARTMENT. POST STILL ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE MRS. BAU AND WILL ADVISE DEPT AS SOON AS SHE IS LOCATED. DEPT WILL ALSO BE FORWARDED AN INVENTORY OF DECEASED'S EFFECTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. PLEASE PASS MRS. FORMATO THAT OF ABOVE INFO DEEMED APPROPRIATE.SINN

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